Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 26 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Saturday 27 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Thursday 25 Mar 2021 at 14:07 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a much colder day on Friday and mainly dry on Saturday until later, also for becoming less cold but unsettled thereafter. Low for timing of spells of rain and brighter colder interludes from Sunday onwards.

Headline for Friday 26 Mar 2021: Starting cloudy with some rain and increasingly hill snow then brightening up to sunny intervals and occasional showers these turning to snow at lower levels.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 26 Mar 2021

Blizzards
Medium Likelihood

Heavy Snow
Medium Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Light snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Light snow showers	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability							
80%	40%	80%	50%	50%	50%	30%	30%

Forecast for Friday 26 Mar 2021

Weather: Showers merging into a longer spell of rain and mountain snow overnight with the snow level starting to fall more quickly later in the night, possibly to 200-300m locally. Brightening up in the morning with sunny intervals but further snow showers at times through the day, though mainly rain below 300m near the west coast.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 10% at first rising to 40% in the morning.

Visibility: Poor or very poor at first in heavy rain and snow, and summit blizzards. Becoming occasionally very good but falling poor, perhaps briefly very poor in snow showers. Cloud: Broken to overcast layers 450-750m at first with lower patches then becoming broken at 600-900m but falling 500m in showers with the odd lower patch

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Forecast for Friday 26 Mar 2021

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	34/42 SW	29/39 S	22/30 SW	23/32 SW	27/37 SW	26/37 SW	24/33 SW	21/27 SW	18/24 W
900	31/39 SW	28/37 S	21/28 SW	23/31 SW	26/36 SW	25/37 SW	23/32 SW	20/26 SW	17/23 W
600	22/30 SW	21/30 S	15/23 SW	17/25 SW	20/30 SW	20/31 SW	17/26 SW	14/21 SW	12/18 W
300	6/30 SW	7/29 S	6/23 SW	7/25 SW	8/29 SW	8/29 SW	7/24 SW	4/17 SW	4/18 W
Glen	12/27 S	14/28 S	9/18 SW	10/22 SW	12/25 SW	12/25 SW	12/23 SW	7/17 SW	6/14 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-1/-9	-1/-9	-3/-10	-3/-12	-4/-12	-4/-12	-4/-12	-4/-12	-4/-11
900	0/-8	-1/-8	-2/-9	-3/-10	-3/-11	-3/-11	-3/-11	-3/-11	-4/-10
600	2/-4	1/-5	-0/-6	-1/-7	-0/-7	-0/-7	-1/-7	-1/-7	-2/-7
300	4/1	3/-0	1/-2	1/-2	2/-2	2/-1	1/-2	0/-2	0/-2
Glen	6/3	6/2	3/-1	3/-1	4/1	5/1	4/-0	3/-0	2/-0
Freezing Level*	900m	700m	400m	400m	400m	400m	400m	300m	300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Summit winds could be a little stronger than the table shows.

Forecast for Saturday 27 Mar 2021

Weather: A few snow showers overnight but dying out to leave a dry and sunny morning and early afternoon. Then high cloud thickening and lowering with more persistent snow, with rain below 600m, arriving late afternoon. The rain becoming heavy in the west with snow becoming confined to summits, with blizzards, but even there turning to rain by midnight.

Maximum wind: West 25 gusts 35mph becoming southwest 35 gusts 50mph in the afternoon, backing southerly and strengthening markedly in the evening with stormy conditions and speeds increasing 60 gusts 85mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90% in the morning and until mid afternoon, with only some high cloud around, falling quickly to reach 10% by evening as layered cloud at 500-800m arrives with areas of 300m cloud nearer the west coast.

Visibility: Very good until late in the day then falling poor or very poor in late afternoon and evening.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2 at dawn rising to Plus 7 in the afternoon.
At 800m: Minus 2 rising to Plus 4 during the evening.
Freezing level: All levels at dawn rising to 600m during the morning then up to 1000m in the evening, later 1300m or above.

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